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Bryan J. Block
Chair

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 18, 2023 Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Angela Augugliaro; Maximus Barton; Corey Bearak; Bryan Block; Kyle Bragg; Barbara Clements; Bobbie Cole; Sylvia Cothia; Marissa Cronin; Tanya Cruz; Bess DeBetham; James Delaney; Stephanie Delia; Charles Farruggia; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Vernal Holder; Bonnie Huie; Rhonda Kontner; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Kangela Moore; Curlene Nelson; Loleta Beckett-Nicholson; Michael O'Keeffe; Lenroy Pascall; David Pecoraro; Latchman Persaud; Sandra Persaud; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Ashok Satkalmi; Ronald Summers; Steven Taylor; Koshy Thomas; Pritpal Singh Walia; Jackie Wilson

Absent:

Robert Alleyne; Rachelle Antoine; Alain Berrouet; Delroy Dawkins; Nicholette Emptage; Mohamood Ishmael; Jaslin Kaur; Marcia O'Brien; Cinnamon Paltoo; Peter Richards; Sheila Beverly-Skinner; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by First Vice Chair Richard Hellenbrecht.

Pledge of Allegiance led by BM David Pecoraro.

DM Report (written)

Correction: Change title from "November" to "December".

BM David Pecoraro motions to accept, seconded by BM Bess DeBetham. Unanimous "yes" voice vote.

November General Board Meeting Minutes

Correction: "November" change to "October" on page 2.

BM David Pecoraro disputes language in the previous October Minutes. The DM disagrees with his characterization and states the Minutes are not a transcript. The continued grievance expressed by BM Pecoraro creates groans from the membership as it takes up time on a busy agenda. Parliamentarian states this matter does not rise to the time being expended.

Correction: Land Use Committee Chair is "Michael Mallia" not "Michael O'Keeffe".

Motion to approve and seconded. All "Yes" votes except 1 "No" vote by BM David Pecoraro.

Presentation

DDC PowerPoint – "Updates on Infrastructure Upgrades," by Ari Gershman, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental & Community Affairs.

- Q&A

Elected Officials

Kevin Morris – **Mayor Eric Adams' Office**

Kahleel Bragg – **Queens Borough President Donovan Richard's Office**

Shana Gladden – **Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz's Office**

Ayanna Camarra – **Council Member Nantasha William's Office**

Lois Marbach – **Council Member Linda Lee's Office**

Norman Jones – **Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers' Office**

Roll Call

Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee – Committee Chair Michael O'Keeffe:

- 2 meetings this month – regularly scheduled and another specially for Cannabis Dispensary applications.
- Listed establishments with letter of support for liquor licenses.

Parks & Environment – Committee Chair Fay Hill:

- \$3.1B has been allocated by FEMA for a study on "Snake Road."

New Business

- Board Chair Bryan Block announces new Land Use Sub-Committee on Creedmoor and lists members of the committee.

Public Speaking

Board Member Tanya Cruz announces she has been appointed to some NYS committees and will be resigning from the board, effective December 31, 2023.

- She has served for over 20 years.

- She is grateful for the opportunity to have helped her community in service and with her expertise.
- She looks forward – in her new advocacy role, to further serve and make our various communities better places to live.
- She may be reached via email: tanya4ny@gmail.com

Various members express their congratulations to BM Cruz on her service and future endeavors.

BM David Pecoraro gives best thoughts and wishes for 2024.

- He want board members to share contact information.

Sylvia Guillaume is the new representative for “Legal Hands.”

- Her organization is looking for volunteers.
- She may be reached @ 646.217.1510.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark McMillan
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